

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT.

Washington, D. C., January 26, 1882

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Sup't. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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to be used for the purpose named above.

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Very respectfully
Horatio Burchard

Director.

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